ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

## Forty-Sixth Annual Session

—OF THE—

# JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

**TOLBERT BAPTIST CHURCH,**

Henry County, Alabama, Oct. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1896.

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The next session will be held with Abbeville Baptist Church commencing on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1897. Introductory Sermon to be preached by Eld. R. B. Lee.

DOTHAN, ALA.:
THE WIRE-GRASS SIFTINGS,
1896.

# MINUTES

The forty-sixth annual session of the Judson Baptist Association assembled in the meeting-house of Tolbert Baptist Church at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, October 1st, 1896.

After singing the old Hymn: "How Firm A Foundation" Eld J. J. White conducted devotional services, after which the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. A. J. Preston, from Ps. 51: 12, 13.

After the sermon there was a recess until 1:30 p. m.

### *AFTERNOON SESSION.*

The Association assembled at the appointed time, and was called to order by A. J. Preston, the former Moderator being absent. The 116th Psalm was read and prayer offered by Eld. A. R. Hardy. A letter from Bro. J. B. Ward, the former Moderator, giving his reasons for being absent, and nominating Bro. W. J. Martin, for temporary Moderator, was then read. Bro. Martin was called to the chair and proceeded to organize the body. Letters from the churches were read by Dr. P. T. Hale, and Eld. A. R. Hardy, and names of delegates enrolled, as follows:

1. Abbeville—A. L. Martin, A. J. Preston, W. J. Martin.
2. Adoniram—W. H. Parker, W. A. Herndon.
3. Bethel—J. W. Malone, A. L. Ray, S. J. Belcher.
4. Beulah—J. J. Boyett, Johnie Paul, T. H. Trotter.
5. Christian Grove—R. B. Lee, J. B. Deshazo.
6. Centre—E. E. Kirkland, J. M. Wells, J. T. Barnes.
7. Concord—Z. T. Knowles, G. W. Ward, J. S. Kirkland.
8. Enon—Robert Goolsby, J. R. Rackley, D. E. Burdeshaw.
9. Fellowship—D. W. Capps, W. H. Capps, R. Wiggins.
10. Friendship—Geo. L. Fleming, Wm. Phillips.
11. Harmony—H. F. Owens, D. M. Hix.
12. Headland—B. W. Herring, J. H. Adams, A. S. Whitten, J. W. Owens.
13. Hebron—A. J. Armstrong, J. B. Hasty.
14. Lawrenceville—R. M. Espy, W. L. Kelley.
15. Mt. Ærial—F. B. Jernigan, W. J. Martin.
16. Oak Grove—W. W. Kirkland, F. M. Holland.
17. Old Zion—

18. Pleasant Grove—C. C. Murphy, M. V. Capps, G. M. Dunn, A. Armstrong.
19. Shorterville—J. B. Mills, B. T. Harris, J. W. Herndon.
20. Smyrna—A. Daughety, J. W. Burkett, T. J. Dawsey.
21. Sardis—Cornelious Johnson, John Griffin.
22. Tolbert—Seaborn Taylor, Jackson Hodges, Thos. Mathis.
23. Bethlehem—S. D. Farmer, Homer Whitten.

After the enrollment of delegates Bro. Wm. J. Martin was elected Moderator, A. J. Preston Clerk, and B. F. Harris Treasurer, all by acclamation.

The Moderator then announced the body ready for business and called for petitionary letters.

Brethren S. D. Farmer and Homer B. Whitten presented a letter from Bethlehem Baptist Church, asking admission into our body, which was unanimously received into our fellowship.

## CORRESPONDENTS.

The following correspondents and visiting brethren were then received and welcomed by the Moderator in behalf of the body, viz:

Dr. W. C. Cleveland and Eld. J. J. White from the Columbia Association, Elds. W. O. and H. L. Crumbley from the Bethel Association, Ga., Eld. F. L. Wimberley from Malory, Ga., Dr. P. T. Hale from Birmingham, in the interest of Howard College, Eld. A. R. Hardy of Greensboro, in the interest of Greensboro Baptist Church.

## CORRESPONDENTS TO ASSOCIATIONS

Appointed as follows:

Eufaula, R. B. Lee.

Newton, A. J. Preston, A. L. Martin, W. J. Martin, J. W. Malone, A. Armstrong, J. B. Mills.

Columbia, Z. T. Knowles, A. J. Armstrong, D. E. Burdeshaw, A. J. Preston, W. H. Capps, B. H. Whitten, J. B. Deshazo, J. W. Owens, W. J. Martin, W. M. Barnes, J. S. Kirkland.

Bethel, Ga., A. J. Preston.

The former Executive Board was elected by acclamation.

The following Special Committees were appointed:

### DEVOTIONAL

M. V. Capps, A. J. Armstrong, J. J. Boyett, and the delegates from Tolbert Church.

### FINANCE

W. L. McGee, F. M. Holland, M. V. Capps.

STATISTICS

J. T. Barnes, D. E. Burdeshaw, John Griffin.

NOMINATIONS

J. B. Mills, J. B. Deshazo, D. W. Capps.

DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

J. W. Malone, W. H. F. Smith, F. B. Jernigan.

Eld. J. T. Barnes assigned homes to the delegates.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

There will be preaching to-night at 7:30 by Eld. J. J. White. To-morrow morning at 8:30 devotional services, and preaching at 11 by Dr. P. T. Hale.

Adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Friday.

At 7:30 Eld. J. J. White occupied the stand and preached from John 2: 4.

## FRIDAY OCT. 2ND. MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at the appointed time.

Devotional services were conducted by Eld. W. O. Crumbley.

At 9 o'clock the Moderator called the body to order, and renewed the call for correspondents, but received none.

Reports were then called for.

Reports on Home, State, and Foreign Missions were then read, and discussed by J. W. Herndon, A. R. Hardy, W. C. Cleveland, F. L. Wimberley, H. L. Crumbley and F. M. Hauser, and adopted, (See Appendix A. B. & C.)

The body then granted P. T. Hale the privilege of presenting the claims of Howard College immediately after the sermon.

Adjourned for preaching.

Dr. Hale occupied the stand at 11 o'clock and read Ex. 10, and preached from Ex. 10: 29. After preaching Bro. Hale presented the claims of Howard College and took a collection amounting to $76.10.

A LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

M. V. Capps $25. A. J. Armstrong $25. W. J. Martin $25. W. D. Capps $5. Geo. Dunn $5. Robert Goolsbey $5. W. L. Kelley $5. W. L. McGee $1. A. Armstrong $1. A. Harp $1. Sam Knowles 5c. W. H. F. Smith 50c. Mrs. Adams $1. J. B. Deshazo 75c. J. J. White 10c. J. B. Whitten 10c. J. H. Mills 25c. J. B. Jernigan 10c. W. H. Elmore 10c. J. F. Cutchens 10c. F. L. Wimberley 50c. J. W. Herndon $1. John Capps $1.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body assembled at the appointed time. Prayer by H. L. Crumbley.

Bethel church called for a letter of dismission which was granted.

The Report on Indigent Ministers was read by Eld. A. L. Ray, and adopted. (F.)

A. L. Ray and S. J. Belcher were granted leave of absence.

The committee on Deceased Ministers reported no deaths among our preachers.

The Report on Orphans Home was read, and discussed by Dr. Cleveland. A collection amounting to $6.60 was taken for the Orphans, and the report adopted. (E.)

The Devotional Committee announced that Eld. F. L. Wimberley would preach at 7:30, and that Dr. W. C. Cleveland would preach at 11 a. m. Saturday.

Adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

### SATURDAY OCT. 3RD. MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Services were conducted by J. W. Herndon.

The Moderator called the body to order at 9 o'clock and announced that the first thing in order was Reports of Committees.

There being no Temperance report prepared, a resolution was offered on Temperance, and discussed by J. W. Herndon, R. B. Lee, F. L. Wimberley, A. R. Hardy, H. L. Crumbley, and W. C. Cleveland, and adopted. (See Resolutions.)

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read, and discussed by W. C. Cleveland, A. R. Hardy, F. L. Wimberley, and A. J. Preston. (D.)

There being no Report on Publications Dr. Cleveland was allowed to present the claims of the Alabama Baptist.

The Report of Committee on Nominations was read, and adopted. (G.)

The Report of Finance Committee was read by W. L. McGee and adopted. (H.)

The Treasurer's Report was read by B. F. Harris and adopted. (H.)

The Treasurer was ordered by the Association to pay the Clerk $15. for his services, and $1.25 for letter blanks and postage. And to pay Rev. A. L. Martin the balance due him.

The Moderator was granted time to appoint the Standing Committees.

Adjourned to meet with Abbeville Baptist Church, Thursday before the first Sabbath in October 1897.

Dr. W. C. Cleveland preached at 11 o'clock, and after the sermon pledges for associational purposes were taken.

Bro White presented the claims of Bethlehem Church and a liberal contribution was made to assist the brethren to finish paying for their house of worship.

The congregation joined in singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and the brethren gave each other the parting hand, after which the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Cleveland.

W. J. MARTIN, Moderator. A. J. PRESTON, Clerk.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

### (A)

### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions is Missions within the state. Our state work is in charge of a board located principally at Montgomery none of whose members are paid anything for their services except the Corresponding Secretary who devotes all his time to the work

This board virtually has charge of all the mission work in the state, including Ministerial Education. They have two evangelists employed to travel all their time to develop the weaker churches and pastors in Christian liberality, a number of pastors are partly supported till the churches become self supporting, they are also working with the Home board among the negroes in the state.

Money given for State Missions goes to support the corresponding secretary, the two evangelists, and to supplement the salaries of some of the pastors

In other words it goes towards the development of our people along all mission lines; because the employees of the board work in the interest of Home and Foreign as well as State Missions. We believe in Foreign and Home Missions but we must not neglect State Missions which lies at the foundation of all our work.

Our Secretary says prospects for being out of debt at Huntsville are brightening every day. Let us co-operate with our state board in its great work of developing our Baptist hosts not one tithe of whom are now at work for the Master.

J B. HASTY.

### (B)

### HOME MISSION REPORT.

The work of our Home Mission Board under the Divine blessing has grown into proportions gratifging to our people and promising us happiest results in the future

During the last five years the number of Missionaries in its employ has averaged about 400. The results of their labors have been most inspiring In that time they have baptized more than 20.000 believers, constituted more than a thousand churches, organized twice that number of Sunday Schools and erected more than 500 houses of worship on their fields of labor In its work the Board needs the constant sympathy and support of the churches. To these it owes its past success, and without them there would be no hope of the future.

The Board is NOW in need of the help of the churches. The contributions have not been sufficient to enable the Board to pay the meagre sums it promised to the Missionaries who must suffer unless they get their pay. Brethren let us come up to the help of the Lord and sustain those who have forsaken all for the sake of Christ.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. HERNDON.

### (C)

### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

God has given His Son to this lost world. (John 3: 16, 17; 1 John 2: 2, 4: 14; Rom. 5: 8; 2 Cor 5: 14, 15; Gal 3: 22 ) and he has given unto us the work of discipling and teaching all the nations of earth ( Matt. 28: 19. 20; Mark 16: 15. 16; Luke 24: 47; Acts 1; 8.) Nearly nineteen centuries have rolled by since the duty to preach the gospel to every creature was made imperative, by our Lord Jesus Christ; and His command

still rings in the hearts of all true believers with as much power as it did the day it fell from the Masters lips. The very watchword of the Christian's life, is obedience. And where there has been given a clear divine word of authority immediate implicit submission and compliance will be yielded by every loyal loving disciple.

Even to hesitate for the sake of asking a question savors of the essence of rebellion. Yet some of our brethren are continually asking the question: "Are the Heathen lost, without the gospel?" Webster says that "A Heathen is an Idolater," The question then, properly stated, is "Are Idolaters lost?" We answer most imphatically, and without any fear of successful contradiction, that they are. This fact is plainly taught by the following scripture: Ps. 9: 17; Gal 5: 19-21; Rev. 21: 8, 22:15 Job 8: 13-14; Ps. 50: 22; Mark 16: 15. 16. Yes. "He that believeth not shall be damned" "He that believeth not is already condemned," whether in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Japan, or America. In all ages and in all nations, "He that believeth not shall be damned." Then we hear a prayer dictated by the Holy Spirit which says: Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name." Ps. 79: 6. The Paul tell us that "There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent.

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God Rom 10: 12: 17. We are told that there are 838, 000,000 Heathens in the world. To these famishing millions we are commanded to carry the bread of life. The command is "preach the gospel to every creature." To those who obey this command is given a most inspiring promise "Lo I am with you alway ever unto the end of the world."

This promise has been conspicuously and marvelously fulfilled in connection with Missions; for Christ has been with both by his providence and by his grace. His providence has been especially apparent in Missions in the opening of doors great and effectual, and in the removal of barriers and in the preparation of the field and the workmen. His grace appears in working mighty results and effects. Yes God has and will keep his promise. Yet we hear some objection to "the plan." Well brethren we have so many plans that we do not know to which plan you object. You are allowed to adopt your own plan.

If you can and will go at your own charge, no one will object. If you will send a substitute, you have a right to do so. If your church is able and wishes to send out a missionary you may do so. If you will co-operate with a few other churches and send out your missionary all true missionaries will rejoice. If you wish to send your money through the appointed Boards no one has any right to object. You are perfectly free. This is a land of liberty, and we Baptist of all people in the world believe in religious liberty. If you mean that you are unwilling that others should be equally free then you are transcending your rights; for you have no right to interfere with others just rights, Many of our brethren think it best to transact our business through the different boards. If you do not think so, then form your own plans, but don't use that for an excuse for doing nothing.

We have in Foreign fields to-day 86 missionaries, 101 ordain native helpers. 4,295 members, 735 baptisms last year and their total contributions for last year for all purposes was $5,553 20 Let us take courage and press forward until the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ—until the knowledge of God shall fill the whole world as the waters fill the channels of the great deep.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. PRESTON, A. J. ARMSTRONG.

## (D)

### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

We regret to note the little interest taken, by our people, in the work of training the minds of our children and young people in Bible thought.

"And these words which I command you this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shall teach them diligently to thy children"—Dut. 6 6, 7.

But how can we do this more effectually than by calling the children together every Sabbath and supplying them with competent teachers?

It is, in our opinion, the duty of every church to have a Sabbath School

Let the churches in regular conference elect suitable Superintendents and let them appoint teachers and have the general oversight of them.

Each church should make a full and correct report of her Sunday School work to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MILLER

(E)

### REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage was permanently located at Evergreen two years ago last November, and the property purchased at a cost of five thousand dollars.

The debt has been paid, and this valuable property is now free from incumbrance It consists of eighty acres of land lying on Main Street, of which thirty acres are in farm thirty in woods and twenty in pasture. All has been enclosed with a substantial woven wire fence and a commodious barn has been arranged

Into this home have been received twenty-nine boys and thirty one girls; and out of it have gone ten boys and thirteen girls by adoption and two boys by apprenticeship.

The children attend the Agricultural School and most of them are doing well. They all attend Sunday School and Church and are under firm, steady, loving control in the Orphanage Eight of them have been baptized. There are more applications to take children than can be approved for want of room. The Home is in great need of eight or ten more rooms. The thirty-five children now in the Home must be cared for. Shall we leave this work to others or shall we show pity to the poor and lend to the Lord by helping these fatherless and motherless children?

The body of this report has been taken from a report sent out by Jno. W. Stewart who has charge of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A Trawick, D. W Capps. W W. Kirkland.

(F)

### REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We your Committee on Indigent Ministers make the following report: We find our Ministers in very good circumstances, for all this we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father.

Respectfully submitted

A. L Ray, Chairman.

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## REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

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(G)

### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We your Committee on Nominations recommend that the next session of the Association be held with Abbeville Baptist Church Thursday before the first Sabbath in October 1897, and that Eld. R. B. Lee preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Eld A. Daughety write the circular letter We also recommend that the following brethren be elected delegates to the State Convention: A J. Preston W J Martin, J B. Mills, Aris Armstrong. W. H. F. Smith, W L. McGee. J. A Campbell and A L. Ray.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B Mills, J B Deshazo, W. D. Capps.

(H)

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

| We find on hand in | CASH | and VOUCHERS |
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| Home Mission | $10 50 | $18 97 |
| Foreign Missions | $24 65 | $18 00 |
| State Missions | $12 65 | $27 77 |
| Associational Purposes | $84 05 | |
| Minutes | $28 20 | |
| Orphans Home | $ 8.40 | $28 20 |
| Ministerial Education | | $37 50 |
| | $168 30 | $130 44 |

A collection was taken by Dr P T. Hale, for Howard College amounting to seventy-six dollars and ten cents for which we have receipt

Respectfully submitted,

W. L McGee, M. V. Capps, F M. Holland.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

B. F. Harris in account with the Judson Baptist Association. Amount received from Finance Committee Oct. 5th 1895:

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| For State Missions | $15 20 |
| For Home Missions | $35 02 |
| For Foreign Missions | $32.35 |
| For Indigent Ministers | $ 1 00 |
| For Minutes | $25.00 |
| For Associational Purposes | $104.15 |
| Oct. 9th, 1895 Received from T A Trawick | $26.19 |
| Oct. 15th, 1895 Received from A. L. Martin | $ 2 50 |
| Oct. 18th, 1895. Received from Dr J L Fowler | $ 1 00 |
| Total amount received, | $243 01. |

By amount paid out Oct 5th, 1895

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| For Minutes | $25.00 |
| For Clerk Service | $ 5 00 |
| For State Mission | $15 20 |
| For Home Mission | $35 02 |
| For Foreign Mission | $ 32 35 |
| Oct. 15th, 1896. To A. L. Martin | $118.45 |
| Total amount paid out | $241.02 |
| Balance on hand | $2 01 |

Respecfully submitted,
B. F. HARRIS.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

### TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED, That in our opinion the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and also the manufacture and sale of the same for that purpose, are contrary to Christian morals, injurious to personal piety and a hindrance to the Gospel; therefore, persons so using, making or selling, aiding or abetting in the same are thereby disqualified for membership in any of the churches of this Association

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. PRESTON.

### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the members of Tolbert Church, and the citizens of this community, for their abundant hospitality and courtesy so generously extended to us during our stay in their midst.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—R W. Miller, D W. Capps, R M Espy.
Home Missions—T A Trawick, W. L. Kelley, G. W. Ward
Foreign Missions—D. E Burdeshaw, Homer Whitten, T. J. Dawsey
Temperance C. C Murphy, J. B. Espy, J. W. Herndon.
Education Frank M Hauser, J. H. Davis, J W. Searcy.
Sabbath School - B W. Herring, J B Hasty, J. B Mills
Orphans' Home - J. J. Boyett, M. V. Capps, Wm. Phillips.
Publications—J. W. Owens, W L. McGee, W W Kirkland.
Indigent Ministers—A. J. Armstrong, A S. Whitten, F. M. Holland.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

A L Martin, Abbeville Ala.
A. J Preston, Abbeville, Ala.
A. L. Ray, Bush Ala.
J. W. Malone, Wesley, Ala.
J W. Herndon, Shorterville, Ala.
D E Burdeshaw, Kincey. Ala.
J W. Knowles, Bracken, Ala.
R. B Lee, Eufaula, Ala
A H Taylor Kincey, Ala
M Bracken, Bracken Ala
T C McCleney, Balkum Ala
A. Daughety, Cowarts. Ala
W H F Smith, Headland, Ala
S J Knowles Headland, Ala
F M Hauser, Headland Ala
J T Barnes, Newville, Ala
W M White, Headland. Ala

### LICENTIATES.

J A Campbell, Headland, Ala.
W. J. Martin, Abbeville, Ala.
F B Jernigan, Belcher, Ala
J. W. Burkett, Dothan, Ala.

## DIRECTORY FOR THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA.

### OUR BOARDS.

The State Board of Missions located in Montgomery. W. C Bledsoe, Corresponding Secretary, Montgomery Ala.

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Baptist Young People's Union of Alabama.—Prof. P H. Mell, Auburn, President; W. D Dunlap, Birmingham, Secretary and Treasurer.

### OUR SCHOOLS.

Howard College, East Lake, Ala.—Prof A. D Smith, Chairman Faculty.
Judson Female Institute, Marion, Ala.—S W. Everett, President.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

I. Called to order by former Moderator.
II. Introductory Sermon
III Enrollment of Delegates.
IV. Election of Officers
V Call for Petitionary Letters
VI Appoint Special Committees
1 Devotional, 2. Nominations, 3 Finance, 4. Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
VII. Receive Correspondents and Visitors
VIII. Appoint Correspondents
IX. Elect Executive Committee.
X Miscellaneous Business.
1. Missions—(1) State (2) Home (3) Foreign.
2. Education
3 Temperance
4 Indigent Ministers
5 Sabbath Schools
6. Executive Committee.
7 Orphanage
8 Publication
XI Report of Treasurer.
XII Reports of Special Committees.
XIII. Appoint Standing Committees
XIV. Miscellaneous Business.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1 This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Judson Baptist Association

ART 2 This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty and not two hundred members four messengers; and so on in graduation one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before they take their seats

ART 3 The messengers when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the election of a moderator and clerk These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected

ART. 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and only acts as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she nevertheless claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending his kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ and especially with those united in this Association

ART 5. Newley constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by their sending their messengers to an annual meeting with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART 6 The churches of this Union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, since last session and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly

ART. 7. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over through the committee on finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and holds his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the orders of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures

ART 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session

ART. 9 This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART 10 It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART 11 This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views

ART. 12 This Constition may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, and by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present: Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and equal in divine perfection.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

ART 5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and immersion only is Baptism

ART 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting and the joys of the righteous to be eternal.

ART 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and he is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for it it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches

2 Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it

3 Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate

4. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body

5 No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the body may require

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided

8 It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

| CHURCHES | Home Missions—Voucher. | Home Missions—Cash. | Foreign Missions—Voucher. | Foreign Missions—Cash. | State Missions—Voucher. | State Missions—Cash | Associational Purposes. | Ministerial Ed'cat'n Voucher. | Orphans' Home—Voucher. | Orphans' Home—Cash. | Minutes. | Total Contributions. | Pastor's Salary. | Church Building and Repairs | Current Expenses. | Value of Church Property. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Abbeville Henry Co | 12.27 | | 13.00 | | 15.00 | | 10 00 | 37 50 | 15.00 | | 2.50 | 95.27 | 400 00 | 150 00 | 29 75 | |
| 2 Adoniram Henry Co | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Bethel, Barber Co. | | | | | | | 1.00 | | | | 2.00 | | | | | |
| 4. Bethlehem, Henry Co. | | | | | | | | | | | .50 | | | | | |
| 5 Beulah, Henry Co. | | | | | | | 1.35 | | | | 1.75 | | | | | |
| 6. Christian Grove, Barber Co. | | | | | | 3 70 | 2.50 | | | | 70 | | | | | |
| 7. Centre, Henry Co. | | | | | | | 2 00 | | | | 1.20 | | | | | |
| 8. Enon, Henry Co | 1 70 | | | 1 00 | | | 1 67 | | | 1.00 | 1 00 | 6 37 | | | | |
| 9. Fellowship, Henry Co. | | | | | | | 5.00 | | | | .75 | 5 75 | | | | |
| 10. Friendship | | | 1 00 | | | | 1.00 | | | | 1 00 | 3.00 | | | | |
| 11. Harmony, Henry Co. | | | | | | | 1.00 | | | | .75 | 1 75 | | | | |
| 12 Headland, Henry Co. | 5.00 | | 5.00 | | 8 37 | | 8 20 | 1.50 | 8.50 | | 1 50 | | | 149.70 | | 800.00 |
| 13. Hebron, Henry Co. | | | | | | | 5.00 | | | | 2 00 | 7 00 | | | | |
| 14 Lawrenceville, Henry Co. | | | | | | | 1.50 | | | | 1 50 | 3.00 | | | | |
| 15. Mt Aerial, Barber Co. | | .50 | | | | | 50 | | | | 1 00 | 2 00 | | | | |
| 16. Oaky Grove, Henry Co. | | | | | | | | | | | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | | |
| 17. Old Zion, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18. Pleasant Grove, | | | | | 4.40 | | 15.00 | 6.00 | 4 95 | | 1 50 | 31 85 | | | | |
| 19 Sardis Henry Co | | | | | | | 2 00 | | | | 1 50 | 3 50 | | | | |
| 20. Shorterville, Henry Co | | 10 00 | | 22 20 | | 7.00 | 6.00 | | | | 2.50 | 47 70 | | | | |
| 21. Smyrna, Henry Co. | | | | 2.45 | | 1.00 | | | | 1.80 | .75 | 5.90 | 50 38 | | | |
| 22 Tolbert, Henry Co | | | | | | | | | | | 1 00 | | | | | |
| 23. Concord, Henry Co. | | | | | | | 3.00 | | | | 2 00 | | | | | |

PERSONAL PLEDGES.—ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

M V Capps 75 00; A J Armstrong $5.00; John Hasty $2.00; Thos Gilford $1 00; W. F. Mills $1.00; J. C Garland $1 00 M. M Murphy $1 00; John Roney $1 00; D E. Burdeshaw $2 00; W H. Elmore 50c; A. Daughety $1 00; A. Armstrong $1 00; J. B. Mills $2 00; J J. Boyett $1 00

Public collection for Howard College $76 10.

# STATISTICS OF JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.—1896.

| CHURCH. | CO. | PASTORS. | CLERK. | CLERK'S P. O. | Membership last Reported | Increase by Baptism | Increase by Letter | Inc. by Restoration. | Decrease by Letter. | Dec. by Exclusion. | Decrease by Death | Present Membership. | SUNDAY SCHOOL. Officers and Teachers. | SUNDAY SCHOOL. Pupils. | SUNDAY SCHOOL. Superintendent's Name P. O. Address. | Preaching Sabbaths |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbeville | Henry | A. J Preston | R. W. Miller | Abbeville | 135 | 5 | 11 | | 4 | 5 | | 142 | 15 | 95 | R. W. Miller, Abbeville | 1st 3rd |
| Adoniram | Henry | | W. H. Parker | Halesburg | 40 | | | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 38 | 4 | 36 | | 2nd |
| Bethel | Barbour | J W. Malone | G. W. Walker | Bakers Hill | 135 | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 131 | | | | |
| Beulah | Henry | W A Cumbie | J W. Pitman | Dothan | 93 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 93 | | | | 3rd |
| Christian Grove | Barbour | R. B. Lee | W, A. James | Eufaula | 61 | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | | 61 | | | | |
| Centre | Henry | D E. Burdeshaw | F. M. Roney | Newville | 89 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | 108 | | | | 1st |
| Concord | Henry | R. C Deal | G. W. Ward | Brackens | 99 | 8 | 18 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 103 | | | | 3rd |
| Enon | Henry | A. Daughety | A H. Taylor | Kinsey | 46 | 12 | 2 | | 6 | | 1 | 53 | 6 | 42 | J. T Smith, Kinsey | 2nd |
| Fellowship | Henry | Aris Armstrong | D W. Capps | Capps | 87 | 3 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 88 | | | | 2nd |
| Friendship | Henry | W. O. Crumbley | Wm. Phillips | Shorterville | 44 | 4 | | 1 | 2 | | | 47 | | | R. B Sellers | 1st |
| Harmony | Henry | A L. Ray | H F. Owens | Sipio | 10 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 3rd |
| Hebron | Henry | Aris Armstrong | J M. Armstrong | Columbia | 70 | | | | 2 | | | 68 | | | | 3rd |
| Headland | Henry | F M. Hauser | J. T. Knowles | Headland | 157 | 17 | 24 | 2 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 178 | 9 | 75 | B W. Herring, Headland | 1st 3rd |
| Judson | Henry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lawrenceville | Henry | A L Martin | N L. Hawley | Lawrenceville | 29 | 8 | | 1 | | | | 38 | | | | |
| Mt Aerial | Barbour | R B. Lee | W C. Jernigan | Belcher | | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 33 | | | | 2nd |
| Mt. Pleasant | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oaky Grove | Henry | J. T. Barnes | F M Holland | Abbeville | 54 | 6 | 6 | | 1 | | | 65 | | | | |
| Old Zion | Henry | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pleasant Grove | Henry | J. J. W White | S. M. Singletary | Abbeville | 108 | 7 | | 2 | 8 | 1 | | 108 | | | | 4th |
| Sardis | Henry | A L. Ray | Joe Ward | Lawrenceville | 53 | 4 | | | | | | 57 | | | | |
| Shorterville | Henry | H. L. Crumbly | W F. Mills | Shorterville | 110 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 137 | | | | 2nd |
| Smyrna | Henry | W. H. F. Smith | J D. Daughety | Dothan | 64 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 75 | 6 | 40 | W. T Jordan, Dothan | 4th |
| Tolbert | Henry | J. T. Barnes | M. P. Shelley | Balknm | 116 | 23 | 5 | 4 | 8 | | 2 | 168 | | | | 4th |
| Bethlehem | Henry | J T. Barnes | J C. Kelley | Headland | | | | | | | | 28 | | | | |